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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

. INDIA

A. INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE EMERGENCY

SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NEW DELHI HAVE MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT INDIA'S FIRST MONTH OF EMERGENCY. WHILE THEY ARE PLEASED THAT A "RIGHTIST CONSPIRACY" HAS BEEN STYMIED AND THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW PREPARED TO CONTINUE ALONG THE "PATH OF SOCIALIST DEVELOPMENT," THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE REGROUPING OF RIGHTIST FORCES OPPOSED TO MRS. GANDHI BOTH WITHIN THE CONGRESS PARTY AND WITHOUT AND ARE AWARE OF THE RISKS FOR THE CPI IN THE NEW SITUATION.

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--COMMUNIST MEDIA ARE BEGINNING TO WARN OF A REGROUPING OF RIGHTIST FORCES AND THEIR INFILTRATION INTO THE CONGRESS PARTY.

--DESPITE FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO THE SOVIET UNION IN RECENT MONTHS, THE USSR REMAINS UNSURE OF ITS TRUE STANDING IN MRS. GANDHI'S EYES.

--SOVIET OBSERVERS IN NEW DELHI ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO RECOMMEND CONSPICUOUS GESTURES IN SUPPORT OF THE PRIME

MINISTER; BY SOVIET READING, MRS. GANDHI HAS NOT YET STABILIZED HER OWN SITUATION AND SUCH CONCESSIONS AND GESTURES ARE PREMATURE AND COULD PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

B. INDO-PAKISTANI RELATIONS ON ICE

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD REPORTS THAT GOP OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO EXPRESS AGENUINE CONCERN THAT MRS. GANDHI MAY EVENTUALLY ORDER AMILITARY MOVE AGAINST PAKISTAN TO BOLSTER HER DOMESTIC POSITION. ACCORDING TO THE PAKISTANI SCENARIO:

--MRS. GANDHI, WHO HAS ALREADY DEMONSTRATED SHE IS WILLING TO GO TO ALMOST ANY LENGTH TO RETAIN POWER, WILL FIRST SEEK TO MAINTAIN HER POSITION BY PUSHING ECONOMIC AND GOVERNMENT REFORMS.

--THESE EFFORTS, GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF INDIA'S PROBLEMS AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPENDENCE ON VESTED INTERESTS FOR SUPPORT, WILL ALMOST INEVITABLY FAIL.

--MRS. GANDHI MAY THEN BE PERSUADED THAT AN ATTACK ON PAKISTAN IS NECESSARY.

EMBASSY ISLAMABAD REPORTS THAT THESE APPREHENSIONS WILL REMAIN AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN GOP THINKING UNTIL A STABLE POLITICAL SITUATION IS RESTORED IN INDIA.

MEANWHILE, THE GOP CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A CAREFUL PUBLIC POSTURE TOWARD INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND GOP OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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SAID NOTHING AT ALL PUBLICLY ABOUT THEM SINCE THE EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED. INDO-PAKISTANI RELATIONS HAVE MOVED LITTLE RECENTLY; BUT THE PAKISTANIS REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ANOTHER ROUND OF CIVIL AIR TALKS.

C. INDIAN CRITICISM OF US MUTED

INDIAN CRITICISM OF THE US DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS WANED CONSIDERABLY. EMBASSY NEW DELHI NOTES:

--ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI REMAINS AMBIVALENT IN HER OWN ALLEGATIONS OF EXTERNAL SUBVERSION, HER SENIOR

SUBORDINATES HAVE BOWED TO HER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO RESTRAIN THEIR REMARKS ON MATTERS AFFECTING FOREIGN POLICY.

--IN AVOIDING INNUENDOES OF USG INVOLVEMENT IN THE CURRENT CRISIS, MUCH OF THE DAILY PRESS ALSO IS HONORING GOI INSTRUCTIONS TO CEASE REPORTING THAT COULD DAMAGE INDIA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.

EMBASSYCOMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE REASONS FOR THIS CHANGE ARE UNCLEAR,IT MAY BE PARTLY BECAUSE MRS. GANDHI IS SEEKING TO CURRYFAVOR WITH THE "CENTRIST" AND "RIGHTIST" FACTIONS OF CONGRESS

PARTY, PARTLY BECAUSE THE US HAS OBVIOUSLY MADE ANEFFORT TO AVOID EMBARRASSING HER, AND PARTLY BECAUSE SHE MAYWANT HELP FROM US LATER THIS YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL) NEW DELHI10289, 7/31 (CONFIDENTIAL) ISLAMABAD 7066, 8/2 AND (CONFIDENTIAL)NEW DELHI 10202 7/29.)

2. WILL JORDAN SUPPORT MODERATE ARAB POSITION ON ISRAEL/UN?

WHILEJORDAN IS SYMPATHETIC AND RATIONAL ON THE QUESTION OF ISRAELIUN MEMBERSHIP, EMBASSY AMMAN BELIEVES THE GOJ IS UNLIKELYTO GET OUT AHEAD OF THE ARAB WORLD ON THIS QUESTION. WITHPERSUASION FROM THE US, HOWEVER, IT WOULD PROBABLY SET ASIDEITS NEW ORIENTATION TO SYRIA AND GIVE ACTIVE BACKSTAGE SUPPORTTO ANY MODERATE CONSENSUS THAT MIGHT EMERGE. (CONFIDENTIAL)AMMAN 5233 8/3.)
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3. JOINT SYRIAN/JORDANIAN COMMUNIQUE

COMMENTINGON SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER AYYUBI'S HIGHLY PUBLICIZEDVISIT JULY 28-31 TO AMMAN, EMBASSY AMMAN NOTES THE JOINTCOMMUNIQUE IS REMARKABLE FOR:

--ITS DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY WITH RESPECT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND

--THE ABSENCE OF EVEN RITUALISTIC REFERENCES TO REGAINING ARAB LANDS.

HOWEVER,DESPITE THE AGREEMENTS ON A VARIETY OF CROSS BORDER ECONOMICAND COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, PAST CLOSURES OF THE SYRIAN-JORDANIANBORDER MAKE IT SEEM CERTAIN THAT JORDAN WILLCONTINUE TO PRESERVE ITS ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 5234, 8/3

4. ROLE OF ARMED FORCES IN ARGENTINA

EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES REPORTS THAT THE ARGENTINE MILITARY, DESPITE SERIOUS UNREST IN SOME ARMY COMMANDS, IS NOT AT THIS

POINT PREPARED TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNING
ARGENTINA. IF A SOLUTION TO THE PRESENT CRISIS CANNOT BE

FOUNDUNDER MRS. PERON, THE MILITARY APPEARS WILLING TO
ACCEPTA CONSTITUTIONALLY SELECTED MODERATE WHO COULD TACKLE
THEECONOMIC PROBLEMS. HOWEVER:

--SHOULD AN EXTENDED POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE GOA
PROMISE A LENGTHY CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT AUTHORITY
CRISIS, THE MILITARY COULD BE FORCED TO ACT.

--SHOULD A LEFTIST GOVERNMENT OR A NEW POLITICAL ALIGN-
MENT UNABLE TO CONTROL THE TERRORISTS, EMERGE FROM THE
CRISES,
THE MILITARY WOULD ACT. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS
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